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## Students turn their gold into their green

Local businesses and online stores buy products made of gold in exchange for cash payments, loans

By Angela Green  
Reporter

Most people have seen television commercials which advertise selling old gold jewelry to national companies for fast cash, but Bob Beall, an employee at Klevers Jewelry, said selling to local jewelry stores produces more cash for trash.

"We pay the customer a percentage of what we're going to get from the refinery," he said. "When we take it to the refinery we receive 95 to 98 percent of the value. We try to buy between 75 and 80 percent. Places like Cash4Gold are paying 20 to 25 percent at most."

Basically, national refining companies that offer fast cash buy gold for a fraction of what it is worth.

Megan, a customer service employee of "MyGoldEnvelope" who asked not to share her last

name, said the company prices gold differently every day, based on purity and the gold market.

Beall said Klevers — located at 1039 Haskins Road — started buying gold and silver jewelry from customers a year and a half ago because the customers started asking, and it was a necessity for business.

"When your own customers are coming in and asking if you buy gold, you don't turn them away," he said.

Beall said he looks at a variety of jewelry.

"We normally get gold chains, bracelets and lots of rings," Beall said. "Everything is bought and sold by weight. Really, the money is in chains because they weigh more."

Another business in Bowling

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## givin' 'em beef



ALAINA BUZAS | THE BG NEWS

**FOOD FOR THE POOR:** Certified Angus Beef representative Diane Peacock, former offensive lineman Scott Albert and Head Football Coach Dave Clawson present Martha's Kitchen coordinator C. Maxine Miller with a check for 590 pounds of ground beef.

## Gamers gain experience in Union arcade room



ALAINA BUZAS | THE BG NEWS

**GAMES:** Junior history major Zac Falls plays Guitar Freaks 11th Mix in the Union arcade on Wednesday evening. Falls said he likes the guitar game because it's the one he "sucks the least" at. "I hang out around here every day but I rarely play. I mostly watch my friends play," Falls said.

By Max Filby  
Reporter

Beeps and electronic beats echo daily from the south corridor of the Union, where students indulge in a room of virtual fantasies during their free time.

"The room was intended to be a game room," said Gale Swanka, senior associate director of the Union. "It's been an arcade for about five or six years."

Money generated from the arcade is split evenly between the

game vendor and the University, Swanka said.

"Part of what we do is try to fill a variety of interests and needs," Swanka said. "The arcade is a good recreational activity on campus."

Keaton Hughes is the third and current game vendor since the arcade opened and bases his company out of Findlay. University students who work for

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For the Falcon football team, steak was at stake in charity bowling game in December

By Alaina Buzas  
Photo Editor

During the Humanitarian Bowl in December, the Falcon football team battled the University of Idaho. A week before the teams hit the field, they competed in a "Bowl for Beef" bowling match where each pin knocked down earned two pounds of beef for the school's selected charity. The University chose to make their donation, provided by Certified Angus Beef, to Martha's Kitchen.

Former offensive lineman and University alum Scott Albert said it was a privilege to be part of the community effort.

"It's always good to give back no matter what, whether you're donating time or anything

else," Albert said.

C. Maxine Miller, who has been the head coordinator for Martha's Kitchen since it opened in 1991, accepted the check for beef Wednesday afternoon. Miller said that although various businesses in the community donate to Martha's Kitchen often, she was pleasantly surprised by the football team.

"I'm so excited. I don't know what to do," Miller said.

Martha's Kitchen, located in First United Methodist Church on East Wooster Street, serves meals on Fridays from 4:30-6 p.m. An average of 50 people are served every week, according to Miller.

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# 590 lbs.



would feed 3,127 University students



equals the average weight of 2.5 football players



would cost \$1,587

\*Stats compiled by The BG News and Meijer

## Honors Program raises awareness to end human trafficking issues

By Christine Talbert  
Reporter

A survivor's tale and an FBI agent's mission were the focus at the "Slavery Isn't Dead-The Fight Against Sex Trafficking in Northwest Ohio" program held in Olscamp last night.

Over 200 students attended the sex trafficking seminar sponsored by the Honor Students Association, Honors Program, Women's Center, Women's Studies and the American Association of University

**"We never think of this happening here in America."**

Theresa Flores | Survivor

Women-Bowling Green Branch. Survivor, author and victim's advocate Theresa Flores spoke about being victimized as a teenager by human trafficking.

Several years ago, Flores attended a conference for

human trafficking and as she sat there, listening to the information on this form of slavery, she quickly knew why she was supposed to be there. She said tears streamed down her face as she finally realized there was a term for what happened to her over 20 years ago.

As a teenager in Birmingham, Mich. Flores was caught in sex slavery. She was taken to inner city Detroit and was guided into

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## Collegiate Empowerment speaker preaches 'How to maximize your buzz'

Guest speaker helps students find a different way to look at alcohol

By Jess James  
Reporter

When anti-alcohol seminars come to campus, many of the speakers end up preaching the evils of drinking and why it's wrong. But at Wednesday night's event, "Maximize Your Buzz," Collegiate Empowerment creator Tony D'Angelo preached just the opposite.

"I am not here to tell you guys

not to drink," D'Angelo said. "The message behind this program is to get college students to learn how to use alcohol appropriately and safely. Having a buzz is about feeling good and having fun. Alcohol is not about you, it's about who you are."

The educational firm Collegiate Empowerment is an organization dedicated to "helping students take higher education higher." D'Angelo founded the program in 1995 and has

dedicated his life to inspiring young adults. He has spoken at over 2,500 universities across the country and has worked with over 1.5 million students.

The program stressed the difference between buzzed and drunk and the benefits of drinking responsibly. Pictures, movie clips and music were all incorporated to give the program a

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After an early lead the men's basketball team fell to Kent State 75-69 at Anderson Arena | **Page 7**

### PEOPLE ON THE STREET

What is your favorite arcade game?



**ASHLEY BONNER**  
Sophomore, Music Education  
"Skee-Ball." | **Page 4**



## BLOTTER

### TUES., FEB. 23

**6:24 P.M.**  
Individual within the 400 block of Lehman Ave. was warned-for soliciting without a permit.

**7:51 P.M.**  
Individual called 911 to report his ex-girlfriend was yelling and screaming at him within the 1100 block of N. Main St.

**10:16 P.M.**  
Individual reported a car alarm was going off within the 700 block of Marville Ave.

## WED., FEB. 24

**12:56 A.M.**  
Employee of Uptown/Downtown called to report an unknown female was attempting to use someone else's ID.

**1:43 A.M.**  
Joseph Flores Jr., 46, of Bowling Green, was arrested for disorderly conduct unable to care for self when he was observed laying in the street and unable to provide his current address on the corner of South Main Street and Ordway Avenue.

**ONLINE:** Go to bgviews.com for the complete blotter list.

## GOLD

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Green that buys gold is Cashland. The store — located at 1028 N. Main St. — has been open for eight years, but started buying gold in October 2008.

Employee Brady Coffman said the company buys and offers loans on gold.

Coffman explained people can bring in any karat of gold to sell, but he mostly sees 10 to 14 karat jewelry. The higher the number of karats, the purer the gold.

Employees perform acid and magnet tests to confirm they are

## ARCADE

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Hughes provide maintenance to any broken or malfunctioning games as needed.

Activity in the arcade starts to heat up in the late afternoon and early evening as students finish up morning classes.

"I'm only here one or two days a week, so I usually just play my Xbox 360 at home," said senior David Giannetto.

A favorite of Giannetto's is Soul Calibur 2, a game that stands out among the musical games like Dance, Dance Revolution, Beatmania and Guitar Freaks (an off-brand version of Guitar Hero).

"Me and a couple of friends have been hanging out in here and playing Soul Calibur since I was a freshman," Giannetto said.

Senior Chris Szykowski has also become an avid Soul Calibur 2 player before and in-between classes for about three years.

"You have good days and bad days playing," said Szykowski. "Sometimes I think I've probably put way too much money in this machine."

Szykowski is currently ranked second as a "legend" player in the career mode of the game referred to as "conquest."

Szykowski is currently attempting to overcome the first place character on the leader board named Yndrian. While playing, Szykowski also fought against himself, utilizing the artificial intelligence capabilities of the game.

Szykowski's logs into the game daily with his user name "megus" and a password in order to access his character called Nightmare.

## BUZZ

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more laid-back approach to college drinking.

Freshman Marissa Allen said she took a lot more out of the event than she anticipated and learned a new approach to drinking.

"I enjoyed the event and I actually thought it was different and entertaining," Allen said. "I learned how drinking doesn't just have to be another opportunity to get heavily intoxicated. For me, it's a reflection of who you are and how you choose to

handle yourself when you go out."

Nick King is a University Activities Organization member and the assistant director of "Maximize Your Buzz" and has been working on the event since the beginning of the semester. He said the small turnout was discouraging, but as long as students took in D'Angelo's message, that's all that mattered.

"The turnout was small, but as long as people enjoyed themselves and really listened to Tony's message, that's the only thing we were trying to accomplish," King said.

On March 24 D'Angelo

Soul Calibur 2 and similar arcade games are able to build up an artificial intelligence based on a player's game-play. When another gamer logs in, he can challenge previously logged-in opponents.

"The game provides developmental updates based on your wins and the way you fight," Szykowski said.

Another favorite game in the arcade is Dance, Dance Revolution. Students seem to enjoy spending whole evenings playing the game that requires players to move their feet in different directions, Swanka said.

Several students continue their gaming outside of the arcade in the Union.

The arcade is open from 7:30 a.m. to midnight Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to midnight on Saturdays and 11:00 a.m. to midnight on Sundays.

will return to campus for another seminar for College Empowerment. "Rich Grad. Poor Grad" is a financial literacy program designed to help students know more about loans and debt.

"Our mission is to serve students and universities in areas that are important but don't have the ability to educate or reach students," D'Angelo said. "Financial literacy is such an underestimated dialogue and I feel it's important for young people to understand and grasp this idea of budget spending."

who just don't know it's not gold," he said. "About 30 to 40 percent of stuff overall people think is gold is fake."

Klevers jewelry buys more than gold.

The jeweler also advertises for silver, platinum and American collector coins.

Coffman said customers come from all walks of life and are usually middle-aged.

"People are strapped for cash," Coffman said. "It's mostly stuff they've received from grandpar-

## SLAVERY

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a motel room where her pimp said, "Here's your reward" to the 24 men lined up, waiting for her. She was sold to the highest bidder.

"When we think of human trafficking, we think of India, Cambodia, Russia and Mexico," she said. "We never think of this happening here in America. If there was one word to describe America, almost everyone would say, 'freedom.' People don't think to think that people are not free in this country."

Flores continued her story. At times where the words seemed too difficult for her to speak, she would pause and lift her head before continuing.

"This is America's dirty little secret," she said. "I never walked the streets. I was driven in expensive cars, to very big houses. America has a distorted view of what sex trafficking really is. It is the second leading crime in the world, and it continues to thrive. Using threats and manipulation to gain financially, pimps give these girls no other alternative lifestyle."

From that moment on, Flores became an advocate for teenage sex trafficking, publishing two books, "The Sacred Bath" and "The Slave Across the Street."

"When I learned of the numbers, I knew this was an epidemic," Flores said. "It is a very difficult thing to heal from—in fact I will never be able to fully recover from it—but I escaped. Most slavery is still alive, but I have hope that we can finally end this."

Special Agent Jack Hardie has been employed by the Federal Bureau of Investigation for nine years. He is currently assigned to the Cleveland Division, Toledo Resident Agency where he serves as the coordinator of the FBI's

Northwest Ohio Violent Crimes Against Children Taskforce (NWOVCACTF). Hardie has extensive experience investigating violent crimes and has recovered or identified 60 victims of child prostitution.

"I work with the ILNI, or Innocence Lost National Initiative," Hardie said, "there are 34 task forces that have worked on 801 cases and recovered 904 children, the youngest child recovered being only nine years old."

Hardie works to seek out intelligence concerning prostitution in different territories, identify and recover juvenile victims and conduct regular prostitution stings.

"During our last investigation, we have had 153 arrests, and Toledo is now the number four city in the nation of prostitution," he said. "Toledo ... where sex trafficking originates. The children the 'pimps' or 'madams' take are 'groomed' to be sold to destination cities such as Chicago, New York, Washington, as well as cities where the Super Bowl, World Series, and fraternity conventions take place."

Hardie explained that the pimps are master manipulators and sex trafficking can be best described as a medium between the movie "Taken" and "Pretty Woman."

Freshman Marissa Swain came to the "Slavery Isn't Dead" event because after seeing the movie "Taken," she wanted to learn more about taking precautions, mostly when traveling.

"The movie was an adrenaline rush, but made me a little frustrated that the female characters in the movie were so naive about traveling, but it was also eye-opening," Swain said. "I wanted to come to see the real side of it, and not just Hollywood's take on sex slavery. I wanted the facts."

local jewelers or businesses. "Deal locally. That way, you're going to get the best price," he said. "The local jeweler is still going to be here after the gold rush so it pays the most."

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## Beef is what's for dinner at Martha's Kitchen

Photos by Alaina Buzas | Photo Editor

**BELOW:** Football coach Dave Clawson (center) holds the check from Certified Angus Beef as he discusses the team's donation to Martha's Kitchen with Associate Athletics Director for Internal Affairs Jim Elsasser on Wednesday afternoon.

**RIGHT:** Coordinator of Martha's Kitchen, C. Maxine Miller, right, talks with First United Methodist pastor Tom Mellott and Certified Angus Beef representative Diane Peacock after being presented with the check for 590 pounds of beef. The beef company also gave company gifts to Miller and other people involved in the check presentation ceremony.



## Lunch focuses on black women in White House

By Morgan Addington-Hodge  
Reporter

Michelle Obama may be the first African-American first lady in history, but she was not the first African-American woman in the White House.

Wednesday's Women's Center Brown Bag Lunch, "Black Women in the White House," focused on the history of female African Americans of the White House.

The presenter, Angela M. Siner, assistant professor of anthropology at the University of Toledo, talked about lesser-known African-American women in the past and current women in the White House and their accomplishments.

Siner named the three women she considers to be the greatest trailblazers in history when it comes to African-American women in the White House — Elizabeth Keckley, first lady Mary Todd Lincoln's dressmaker and the first African-American woman in the White House; Francis Perkins, the first woman, of only 45 in history, to be appointed to a presidential Cabinet; and Patricia Roberts Harris, the secretary of Housing and Urban Development under President Jimmy Carter.

"Obama's Women owe a debt of gratitude to the women I just mentioned to you," Siner said.

'Obama's Women' is a nickname given to the 15 African-American women President Barack Obama has appointed to positions on his team. Siner said these women can hold their positions due to the women who preceded them.

She also said the women who now inhabit the White House give America a new image of African-American women which combats the images of the video vixens and the "hoochie mamas" of the 80s and 90s.

**"Students who go here mostly see white faces, and though I can't change [my own face], I can do something about it."**

Cynthia Mahaffey | Instructor

A'ame Kone, graduate assistant for the Women's Center, said even the Obama daughters are a part of the new image. They set examples for other young girls.

"They've been setting trends. They wear a new backpack to school, and it's the biggest item on the market," she said.

Kone said the Women's Center felt this topic was an important one to cover. Important enough that it was rescheduled when Siner couldn't drive to the University two weeks ago because of the snow.

The women at the Women's Center weren't the only ones who found this topic important.

Cynthia Mahaffey, instructor of general writing studies and women's studies, brought her introduction to women's studies class to this week's Brown Bag specifically for the topic. She rescheduled, too, when the first date did not work out.

"It's good for students to see what was formerly a 'White House,'" Mahaffey said.

Mahaffey said she is always trying to bring students to good speakers. She said it also had to do with the diversity of the speakers her students hear.

"Students who go here mostly see white faces, and though I can't change [my own face], I can do something about it," Mahaffey said.

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# FORUM

"You have good days and bad days playing. Sometimes I think I've probably put way too much money in this machine."  
— Chris Szykowski, senior, on avidly playing *Soul Caliber 2* [see story, pg. 1].

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## PEOPLE ON THE STREET

What is your favorite arcade game?



"Galaga."

**KYLE LIPSCOMB,**  
Sophomore,  
Finance



"Pac Man."

**BAILEY PARKS,**  
Sophomore,  
Psychology



"Metal Slug."

**MATTHEW MCHENRY,**  
Junior,  
Creative Writing



"NFL Blitz."

**RYAN GARGAC,**  
Freshman,  
VCT

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# Head to head: Black History Month edition

BG News columnists discuss the issues concerning Black History Month and the usefulness of its international recognition

## Black History Month brings historic issues to the forefront



**HAMA BBELA**  
COLUMNIST

Black History Month is set aside to celebrate the history of the peoples of the African Diaspora. It's celebrated in England in October and in Canada and the United States in February. It was started by historian Carter G. Woodson, the son of former slaves, who emphasized and encouraged the intellectual study of black history.

Woodson picked February because it marked the birthdays of two men who affected black history profoundly, namely Abraham Lincoln and former slave and abolitionist Frederick Douglass. Despite it being established in 1926, the month has faced criticism from within and outside the black community.

Some have asked why a month should be set aside for one race; others say setting aside a month for one race's history makes it harder to become part of mainstream American history. Some have argued that, like many things, it has been co-opted by mainstream society into another excuse to sell boxed-set DVDs or some other black history related merchandise.

Despite the controversy, Black History Month is still the celebration of a shared history. One cannot take away from the necessity of celebrating Black

History Month.

You don't need to be an academic or scholar to understand modern civilization has historically marginalized all peoples of color. Western academic tradition has emphasized Western literature, art and history more than any other. The contributions of people of color to world history are ignored. We study everyone from the great Napoleon to Isaac Newton, but black history is only taught as far back as when the first black slaves were brought to America.

Yet, even then this history very tacitly ignores that black American history also stretches thousands of years to Africa where great civilizations and powerful states existed. The emphasis has always been on the wretched and often sad aspects of black history. Black History Month is essentially an attempt by a people to reclaim a proud and important culture that makes them as American as any large immigrant group.

Racial identity is a complex issue because everyone wants to believe in racial neutrality. Everyone wants to believe they can be any color and walk down the street and have someone look at them and see a human being. This is a very nice, upbeat view of the world; sadly, by and large images of blackness on TV and in academia are associated with deeply held misconceptions about the black experience.

Black History Month gives

everyone an opportunity to engage in a full-on discussion of race and racial identity. The view of every young black male as a potential gang-banger or ex-convict is still common today. By having Black History Month, we give people a chance to question these misconceptions and get an accurate, more humanistic view of the black experience. It isn't made to emphasize differences, it actually is an opportunity to humanize the black experience. It's a chance for people of color around the world, all taken to the New World by slavery, to celebrate each other and their struggles.

Slavery afflicted the whole New World. People rarely think of black people in Latin America. The reality is they exist in huge numbers, yet in this century still haven't gotten a fair share in those societies. Black History Month is a chance to celebrate in a shared history that is sad but eventually is a celebration of the transcendent nature of the human spirit.

Embracing our unique identities isn't an attempt to forfeit our own, but is an attempt to live in another person's shoes. Black History Month opens hearts and minds to the black experience and shows how authentically unique and American it truly is.

Respond to Hama at  
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**BRYAN WARRICK**  
COLUMNIST

February is known as Black History Month. It is a time to remember the people and struggles that helped form not just the black culture, but the United States as a whole. And while the names and achievements of people like Martin Luther King Jr., Rosa Parks and Thurgood Marshall cannot, and will not, be forgotten, the idea of a whole month dedicated to any one group seems to be bordering on racist itself.

Now there is no way to argue there have been significant trials and hardships black people have faced, from slavery to segregation. These were real evils that brave men and women fought for centuries to destroy. But in today's society, at a time many feel racism may finally be on its way to extinction in the U.S., putting this much emphasis on any race seems to go against everything that the great people worked to achieve.

Case in point: Martin Luther King Jr. was a great man and revolutionary who showed an entire generation that change is possible. The most defining moment of his life was his "I Have a Dream" speech. In it, he declares the vision he has for the future, where people of all

racess live together in peace and judge one another on character, not skin. And yet for some reason there is a month-long celebration with the sole purpose of drawing attention to the color of someone's skin. Does this make sense to anyone else?

The trials and problems of the past are still a large part of America, but we have MLK Day to remember the man who best defines that struggle to everyone. Why also add a month that makes people feel different races mean something? Isn't that the definition of racism, putting a special emphasis of race and acting like it is different from others?

We are all Americans, and that should be the No. 1 thing we are proud of. If you are proud of your racial or ethnic heritage, then more power to you. But it should not be the thing that defines an American.

For example, I'm Irish and very proud of that. But I am an American first. Why do the Irish only have one day in the year to show off their pride? Don't they deserve a whole month, too? The Irish went through centuries of suffering too. Their nation was occupied by a foreign power that treated them like dirt. Hundreds of thousands died during the Potato Famine and were forced to move to America where they suffered fierce racism and prejudice that rivals that of the South during segregation.

Better yet, why doesn't the Jewish community have a whole month of remembrance in the United States? They went through slavery, thousands of years of prejudice and were the victims of genocidal programs. Where is Hebrew History Month?

Could it simply be the Irish and Jewish no longer care about their heritage? Not at all, but they realize this is America, not Europe hundreds of years ago. We do need to learn the lessons of the past, but focusing so much on a race and the troubles they went through is not remembrance. That is not letting go the problems of the past. That is not moving forward together as an American race to better the nation.

Black History Month is meant to honor the past and remember the achievements of the great men and women who changed the nation. But if you really want to honor them and make their dreams a reality, stop saying there is a difference between the races. Stop acting like there is such a big difference between blacks and whites. That is the definition of racism and is exactly what a month-long celebration of race is.

We are all the same, we are all Americans. That is the bottom line.

Respond to Bryan at  
thenews@bgnews.com

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### USG clarifies stance on faculty unionization

*\*Editor's Note: The following letter came through The BG News wire and is from Undergraduate Student Government (USG).*

In response to recent misunderstandings about Student Government's legislation entitled "A resolution Expressing the Student Body's Stance on Faculty Unionization as it Pertains to Undergraduate Students," we wanted to clarify exactly what was meant, with quotes coming from the resolution.

The resolution consisted of three points:

First: We fully recognize, "a peer constituency group at

BGSU as having the right to take such steps [toward unionization] on behalf of their constituents." We as students have no desire to stand in the way of faculty members pursuing their legal right to unionize.

Second: "The Undergraduate Student Government as a constituency group is interested in preserving equal voice of all parties in shared governance." This means a union would change, in some ways, the structure of shared governance on campus. Shared governance in our minds means that the constituency groups on campus (undergraduates, graduates, classified staff, faculty and administrative staff) all work together, toward mutually agreeable solutions; so we

encourage all groups involved to remember that students are equal players in shared governance and hold comparable stakes in any changes made.

Third: No matter the outcome, union or not, we as students "fully expect to have no less of a role in shared governance than any one constituency group." This is to say that in all of the discussions about faculty and administration, students are the most important group on campus and shouldn't be forgotten. When you are bargaining with our student services and dollars, we expect to have a say.

To conclude, we would like to extend an invitation to all of you to come and weigh in during "lobby time" at our weekly meetings at 7:30 p.m. in Union 308 every Monday. You can also stop by our office in 404 of the Student Union to discuss any issues with us.

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# WORLD BRIEFS

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## Dubai: 15 more suspects in Hamas slaying

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates — At least 15 more suspects carrying foreign passports were linked Wednesday to an elaborate hit squad slaying of a Hamas commander that Dubai's police chief claims was likely carried out by Israel's Mossad secret service.

The latest accusations by Dubai police raised the size of the alleged assassination team to at least 26 and further expanded the investigation's international web — now stretching from a bank in America's heartland to European capitals and Australia.

The police statement also left open the possibility the probe could widen and investigators were "not ruling out the possibility" of more allegations.

— Brian Murphy (AP)

## Adviser: Nigeria's ill president returns home

LAGOS, Nigeria — Nigeria's ailing president returned home Wednesday after a long stay in a Saudi hospital, an adviser said, though the leader apparently was whisked away by an ambulance in the night and left his vice president in control of the oil-rich nation.

Nigerians saw only the familiar, official portrait of President Umaru Yar'Adua as a man's voice read a statement on the government television channel. The vice president was due to meet with Yar'Adua's wife — not him — sparking new worries about whether the president will ever resume power or just come home to die.

— Jon Gambrell (AP)

## Top-level informer affair embarrasses Hamas

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip — Claims by the son of a Hamas founder Wednesday that he was a long-term spy for Israel exposed a new side of the Islamic militant group's vulnerability and punched a hole in its meticulously groomed image of secrecy and discipline.

The spy affair comes at a time when Hamas is still reeling from suspicions that Hamas informants helped Israel assassinate a top Hamas operative in a Dubai hotel. The back-to-back scandals were sure to leave Hamas leaders fearful of their own and ever more painfully aware of how capable Israel is of reaching the inner circles of their organization.

At the center of the latest affair is 32-year-old Mosab Yousef, a son of Sheik Hassan Yousef, a Hamas founder serving a six-year term in an Israeli prison.

— Karin Laub and Mohammed Daraghme (AP)

# Abandoned elderly in Haitian capital get aid

By Jonathan M. Katz  
The Associated Press

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti — An international aid group has assumed day-to-day management of a nursing home in the Haitian capital where elderly residents were left starving in the dirt after the Jan. 12 earthquake.

HelpAge International will run the facility for the next six months after taking over from the government of Port-au-Prince, according to Jonathan Barden, the London-based group's emergency response team leader. He said Wednesday that the group will pay three-quarters of the salaries for the home's 40-odd employees, while the government will pay the rest.

In the days after the quake, the Municipal Nursing Home's elderly residents were left with little food, water or medicine, sleeping in the dirt among rats. Besides the six residents killed by the

earthquake, two more perished of apparent hunger and exhaustion in the following days.

Residents who accused the mayor's office of abandoning them welcomed the news that HelpAge would be in charge.

"I'm good for six months. I don't care about the mayor's office until then," said Licienne Petion, 90.

Conditions remain poor at the home in the middle of a makeshift tent city of more than 2,000 people. Flies are everywhere and chickens peck at the mud. Most residents napped outside Wednesday, on the ground or in their wheelchairs. Elderly women pulled off their clothes and bathed in public.

But nobody has died in weeks, and Barden said there was no need to bring in the doctor Wednesday because there were no urgent health problems. He said an engineer determined the building is structurally sound, and residents are gradually being

"Everything is a struggle. Everything needs to be negotiated."

Jonathan Barden | Team Leader

moved back in.

A local gang is providing security, Barden said — a necessity given the realities of post-quake Haiti. He said the gang members asked for flashlights and pistols to do their jobs. HelpAge provided the flashlights.

"Everything is a struggle. Everything needs to be negotiated," he said.

Food initially came from the charity World Vision, he said, but the soy-enriched bulgur wheat, while nutritious, was hard for the elderly residents to digest. He said HelpAge went to local markets to buy food.

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# NATION BRIEFS

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## Orlando SeaWorld worker killed by whale

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — An employee at SeaWorld Orlando has died after being attacked by a killer whale.

Orange County Fire Rescue spokesman John Mulhall said paramedics were called Wednesday afternoon to the Shamu Stadium at the theme park where they found a worker who could not be revived.

Park guest Victoria Biniak told WKMG-TV that the trainer had just finished explaining to the audience the show they were about to see.

Biniak told the station the whale suddenly came up from the water, grabbed the trainer around the waist and "thrashed her all around" to the point the trainer's shoe fell off.

The guests were evacuated and the park was closed.

## Clay Aiken takes NC stage for gay rights

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — More than a year after disclosing he is gay, Clay Aiken is speaking before a gay-rights event in his hometown.

Aiken will deliver a speech about gay rights this weekend at the Human Rights Campaign Carolinas gala in Raleigh. The News & Observer of Raleigh reported Wednesday. Actress Meredith Baxter, who recently said she is a lesbian, also will deliver a speech.

The 31-year-old Raleigh native, pop singer and 2003 "American Idol" runner-up said he wrote his own speech after remarks provided for him proved too political, including a slam aimed at former President George W. Bush.

## Atheism book found in home linked to fire suspect

DALLAS (AP) — Court records said books on demons and atheism as well as rifles and knives were found in a home linked to one of the suspects in a string of church fires in eastern Texas.

The items were listed in an affidavit filed after a residence in Grand Saline linked to 19-year-old Jason Robert Bourque was searched on Sunday.

Bourque and 21-year-old Daniel George McAllister were arrested and charged that day with a single felony arson charge.

## Plan to fire all its teachers roils poor RI city

CENTRAL FALLS, R.I. (AP) — The blue-and-white banner exclaiming "anticipation" on the front of Central Falls High School seems like a cruel joke for an institution so chronically troubled that its leaders decided to fire every teacher by year's end.

No more than half those instructors would be hired back under a federal option that has enraged the state's powerful teachers union, earned criticism from students, and praise from U.S. Education Secretary Arne Duncan and some parents.

The mass firings were approved by the school district's board of trustees Tuesday night after talks failed between Superintendent Frances Gallo and the local teachers union over implementing changes, including offering more after-school tutoring and a longer school day. The teachers say they want more pay for the additional work.

## Sheriff: Suspect entered, left school on his own

LITTLETON, Colo. (AP) — The man charged with shooting and wounding two students outside a suburban Denver school had entered and left the building on his own earlier that day, seemingly without drawing much suspicion.

Jefferson County sheriff investigators said 32-year-old Bruco Strong Eagle Eastwood signed in at a reception desk before the Tuesday shootings and indicated he was a former student. The sheriff's department said he was never asked to leave the building.

It's not clear when he did leave. School officials say Eastwood first entered the building at about noon, some three hours before the shootings. A math teacher and other staff helped break up the 3 p.m. shooting and are being praised as heroes.

## News outlets want terror plea agreement unsealed

NEW YORK (AP) — The Associated Press and Newsday are asking a federal judge to make public a plea agreement between prosecutors and a man who said he was plotting to attack New York subways.

The news organizations argued in court papers that the public has a right to see the documents unless there's an overriding reason to seal them.

The 25-year-old Najibullah Zazi (nah-jee-BOO'-lah ZAH'-zee) pleaded guilty earlier this week to terrorism charges and admitted plotting to bomb the New York City subways around the anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks.

A federal judge in Brooklyn sealed both the written plea agreement and the application that asked for it to be sealed.

## Ex-officer charged with conspiracy in Katrina probe

Former lieutenant knew of plans to tamper evidence, helped carry out plans

By Mary Foster  
and Mike Kunzelman  
The Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — A former police lieutenant knew two people shot to death by police as they crossed a bridge in the chaos after Hurricane Katrina had no weapons, but he and others filed false reports to make the shootings seem justified, according to federal documents unsealed Wednesday.

Former Lt. Michael Lohman

knew officers planned to lie and tamper with evidence, federal officials said in a bill of information charging Lohman with conspiracy to obstruct justice.

Lohman also knew another investigator planned to plant a gun to justify the shooting and asked if it was "clean," meaning it could not be traced back to another crime, according to the documents. The investigator assured him it was and he went along with the plan to plant it.

Lohman was expected to plead

guilty Wednesday and cooperate with federal investigators, two people familiar with the case told The Associated Press on Tuesday. They spoke on condition of anonymity because the charge had not been announced.

Seven officers were charged with murder or attempted murder in the Sept. 4, 2005, shootings on the Danziger Bridge, just days after Katrina smashed levees and flooded 80 percent of the city.

## Mother of starved boy testifies that she believes he will be resurrected

By Ben Nuckols  
The Associated Press

BALTIMORE — The mother of a 1-year-old boy who was starved to death three years ago because he did not say "Amen" testified Wednesday that she still believes the child will be resurrected.

Ria Ramkissoon, 23, took the stand at the trial of Queen Antoinette, who's accused of ordering that her son not be given food or water. Ramkissoon was living with Antoinette and several other people at the time as part of what authorities described as a religious cult.

Antoinette is on trial for murder

alongside her daughter, Trevia Williams, and another follower, Marcus A. Cobbs. They are representing themselves.

Ramkissoon said Antoinette told her that her son, Javon Thompson, had a "spirit of rebellion" inside him and that denying him food would excise the evil spirit. She said she had no reason to think Antoinette was lying.

After Javon died, Antoinette told Ramkissoon to "nurture him back to life," and she stayed beside his decomposing body for weeks, even trying to give him water, Ramkissoon said.

"I still believe that my son is coming back," Ramkissoon said.

"I still believe that my son is coming back."

Ria Ramkissoon | Mother

"I have no problem saying what really happened because I believe he's coming back."

"Queen said God told her he would come back. I believe it. I choose to believe it," she said. "Even now, despite everything, I choose to believe it for my reasons."

Later, she acknowledged that her faith makes her sound crazy.

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## Today in Sports History

**1989**—Dallas Cowboys coach Tom Landry is fired by new owner Jerry Jones after 29 years at the helm.

**1977**—New Orleans' Pete Maravich sets an NBA guard record with 68 points in a game.

## The List

Kent State made a comeback against the Falcons in the second half Wednesday night to win 75-69. Today, we are listing the top five performers from the game:

**1. Otis Polk:** The senior center scored 21 points and grabbed nine rebounds before fouling out in the second half.

**2. Scott Thomas:** The sophomore forward scored 14 points and dished out five assists.

**3. Justin Greene:** Kent State's sophomore forward led all scorers with 26 points on 8-of-10 shooting. He also hit 10 free throws.

**4. Marc Larson:** BG's sixth man scored six points off the bench. The senior big man also added five rebounds.

**5. Chris Singletary:** Kent State's senior guard scored 12 points for the Flashes while dishing out five assists and grabbing four steals.

# Flashed away

Falcons can't hold early lead, fall to Kent State

By Paul Barney  
Assistant Sports Editor

In a game that featured 52 foul shots and five foul-outs, Kent State stood tall in the end as they were able to erase a 12-point first-half deficit to beat BG 75-69 Wednesday night.

The Falcons started fast, and ultimately dominated the game's opening half.

Once the Falcons took a 13-8 lead at the 11:50 mark, they never looked back, as they didn't allow their lead to drop to less than five points for the remainder of the half to take a 38-26 lead into the break.

Otis Polk nearly had a double-double in the game's first 20 minutes, posting 10 points on 5-of-5 shooting and grabbing six rebounds.

"They were fantastic," KSU coach Geno Ford said. "They made every shot. The ones we got contested, they made, and I didn't think we played with the intensity at the defensive end we need to play with."

It was essentially a tale of two halves for the Golden Flashes, as they picked up their defensive intensity and showed why they have one of the best defenses in the Mid-American Conference.

Kent State held BG to a dismal 8-of-25 shooting in the second half, while the Golden Flashes only missed five shots in the final 20



ALAN PIRACHA | THE BG NEWS

**JAM:** Otis Polk rises to the rim in Wednesday night's loss to Kent State.

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## Falcon women defeat Buffalo

By Andrew Harner  
Senior Reporter

The Falcon women's basketball team used sharp 3-point shooting Wednesday evening to defeat Buffalo 81-64 at Alumni Arena.

With the win, the Falcons clinched a first-round bye in the Mid-American Conference Tournament.

Led in scoring by junior Jen Uhl and senior Tamika Nurse — who both had 20 points — the Falcons (22-6, 12-2 MAC) made 12-of-24 3-pointers, getting four from Nurse and three from senior Sarah Clapper to help BG score more than 80 points for the seventh time

this season.

The strong 3-point shooting proved to be a difference-maker, as the Bulls (24-of-50 for 48 percent) outshot the Falcons (28-of-65 for 43.1 percent) from the floor. Buffalo made just five 3-point shots.

The first of BG's 3-balls was hit by Uhl 1:38 into the game, giving BG an early 8-0 lead. They later went on an 11-4 run to push their lead to 14 with 5:13 left in the first half.

Leading by 10 at halftime, the women continued to pull away by opening the second half on a 15-6 run and maintaining a consistent effort the rest of the half to win by 17.

Buffalo (7-20, 3-11 MAC) was

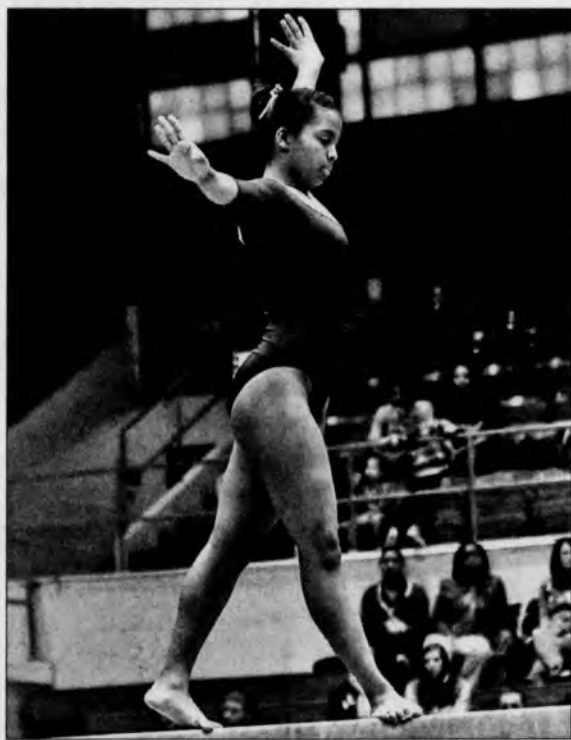


**Tamika Nurse**

Had 20 points, including four 3-pointers

led by junior Kourtney Brown, who had a double-double with 20 points and 12 rebounds. Junior Jessica Fortman added 12 points.

The Falcons remain one game ahead of Kent State in the MAC East standings, as the Flashes defeated Akron 67-64 Wednesday night. The Flashes (18-8, 11-3 MAC) will travel to Bowling Green on Saturday for a battle in Anderson Arena at noon.



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**GOOD START:** Danielle Wishart performs on the balance beam in a meet this season.

## Wishart and Marchand enjoying fast start

By CJ Watson  
Reporter

It's rare to see a freshman perform at a high level within Division I athletics.

Luckily for the Falcon gymnastics team, they have two young stars that have done just that.

Danielle Wishart and Sunny Marchand have performed exceptionally well for the Falcons this season and are a big reason they are on a five-meet win streak. Despite all the pressure

put on the young Falcons to perform at a high level, they do a good job of not showing it and getting their job done.

"They are not fazed by collegiate competition," said coach Kerrie Beach. "It's been really exciting to see them do so well."

Wishart had her biggest performance of the year earlier this month against the University of Illinois-Chicago. It was a career

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**MORE HARDWARE:** Former BG receiver Freddie Barnes accepts the College Football Performance Awards' 2009 Elite Wide Receiver award during halftime of last night's men's basketball game.

## Barnes, Sheehan honored in return

By Sean Shapiro  
Sports Editor

"This is the first time I've been on campus since the bowl game."

Tyler Sheehan | Former QB

For the first time since the 2009 Humanitarian Bowl, Tyler Sheehan completed a pass to Freddie Barnes.

Back on campus to receive the College Football Performance Awards' annual Elite Wide Receiver award, Barnes was joined by Sheehan at center court of the men's basketball game Wednesday night, completing a perfect pass as he walked onto the court.

"This is the first time I've been on campus since the bowl game," Sheehan said. "I'll be around for the next couple days, and Freddie and I will get some throws in to work on our timing."

Since they graduated in December, Barnes and Sheehan have been working on improving their stock to potential NFL teams.

Barnes, who had an NCAA record 155 receptions during his senior season, has been the more widely known prospect. Playing in the East-West Shrine Game, a senior showcase game, Barnes had three straight catches on the game-winning drive.

"During the week of the East-West Shrine game I had a lot of interviews, leading me to believe some people are interested in me," Barnes said.

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**DIESEL:** Tommy Dee looks for an open teammate in BG's sweep of Notre Dame this past weekend.

## BG seniors reflect on career before final home game

By Ryan Satkowiak  
Reporter

After four years, the BG senior class is set to end their careers as they prepare for their last home game as Falcons.

"It has been a pretty fast four years here; it's really flown by," said forward James Perkin.

Although this senior class has taken plenty of bumps along the way, they still had their successes here and have made plenty of memories along the way.

"I remember my first game up here at the Ice Arena," said captain Kyle Page. "I was a little nervous, but that was something that I won't forget for awhile."

The most successful year for the class was their sophomore year, when the team went 19-21 overall and beat Lake Superior in the first round of the Central Collegiate Hockey Association playoffs.

"I've had a great time here. All four years have been pretty special," said forward Tommy Dee. "Getting through the first round of the playoffs sophomore year was pretty cool."

But with the highs come the lows, and this class had the misfortune of experiencing one of the lowest points in program history — when there were discussions last offseason about discontinuing the program.

"It was a pretty stressful time for sure," Perkin said. "Spring break was kind of when we heard about it, as we weren't in town, so we wanted to get back and see what was going on."

"It was just a stressful time, so it was good to get that behind us."

That situation, along with former coach Scott Paluch resigning just months before the start of the season, put the team in a tough spot at the beginning of this season. Although the team got off to a poor start, they have steadily improved as the sea-

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## COMEBACK

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minutes for a field goal percentage of 75 percent.

After the Golden Flashes took a 48-47 lead at the 11:31 mark, their first lead since 15:11 in the first half, they took the lead for good on a 3-pointer from Mike McKee.

BG's seven turnovers in the second half haunted them as they led to seven KSU points, while the Golden Flashes also had six fast break points while outscoring BG 18-10 in the paint.

Justin Greene, who entered last night's game leading KSU with an average of 14.4 points per game, finished with a game-high 26 points on 8-of-10 shoot-

ing, and was a big reason the Golden Flashes were able to shoot 75 percent in the second half.

"[It was] probably the worst field goal percentage defense in a half that I've ever went through," BG coach Louis Orr said. "We didn't compete hard defensively."

Green was just one of three Golden Flashes to score in double figures on the night, as Tyree Evans and Chris Singletary finished with 10 and 12 points, respectively.

Not to be undone, Polk picked up right where he left off in the first half, scoring 11 more points and grabbing 3 rebounds.

As good as Polk was, however, he realizes the team's lack of defense in the second half was the biggest stat of the night.

**"[It was] probably the worst field goal percentage defense in a half I've ever went through. We didn't compete hard defensively."**

Louis Orr | BG coach

"[Kent State] stuck to their game plan, and we didn't," Polk said. "It was just a lack of defense and toughness in the second half."

Polk led the Falcons with 21 points on 8-of-9 from the floor, while Scott Thomas finished with 14 points but struggled to find his shot, going 4-of-10.

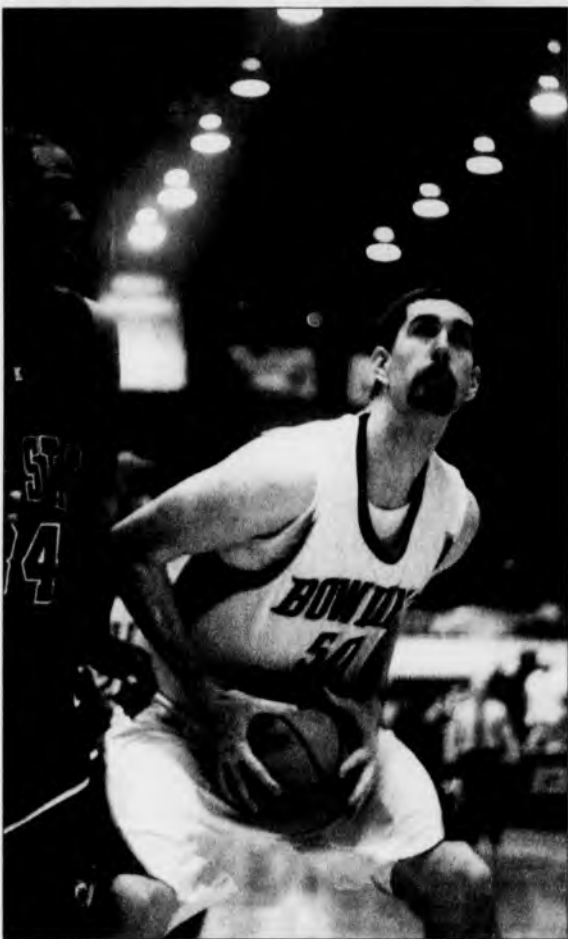
With the loss, the Falcons are now 14-13 overall and 6-8 in the MAC.

In celebration of BG's and

Kent State's 100-year anniversaries, last night's meeting also brought back the Centennial Cup, which is an all-sports competition in which each meeting between the athletic programs are worth one point.

The Golden Flashes' 75-69 win against the Falcons now ties the competition, 4.5-4.5.

BG will now prepare for their last home game of the regular season on Saturday against Akron, with tip-off at 2:30 p.m.



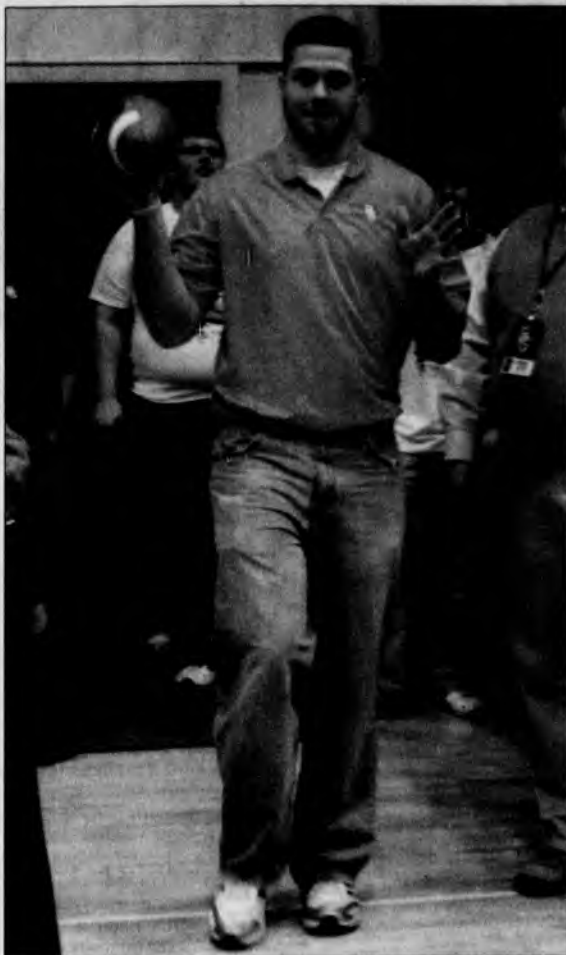
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**SIXTH MAN:** Senior Marc Larson was the first off the bench against Kent State. He scored six points and grabbed five rebounds.



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**SECOND FIDDLE:** Sophomore Scott Thomas was second on the team in scoring with 14 points against Kent State.



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**PERFECT PASS:** Former BG quarterback Tyler Sheehan sets to throw a pass to former receiver Freddie Barnes at halftime of Wednesday night's men's basketball game.

## BARNES

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According to Barnes, several teams have been impressed with his route-running and ability to catch the ball. However, the biggest question mark surrounding Barnes has been his speed, something he's worked on with NFL prospects Jacoby Ford, Javad Best and Eric Berry.

"It's all technique. There are about 40 different things you need to know to run a good [40-yard dash] time," Barnes said. "I've never really done anything like that here, I mean we ran 40-yard dashes, but never with as much an emphasis."

While Barnes has been working on his speed, Sheehan has

also been working to impress NFL scouts with a personnel trainer in Cincinnati.

"It's a cool situation to be in. I'm getting a lot of good feedback from my agent and what he's talked about to scouts," Sheehan said. "All I want is an opportunity. Whether I get drafted or as a free agent, I want to make a team and work my butt off."

In particular, Sheehan has been working on his footwork by taking snaps under center. He will have a chance to showcase his talents during a workout with the Cincinnati Bengals in April.

But before his workout with the Bengals, Sheehan will be back on campus for BG's pro day, where he and Barnes will both get to showcase their talents in front of scouts.

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# Golfers working off course



LINE IT UP: John Powers lines up a put earlier this season.

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## Falcons using poor fall finish to prepare for spring season

By Christopher Rambo  
Reporter

Since the resumption of classes in January, the BG men's golf team has been hard at work preparing for their spring season.

The Falcons have been practicing at the indoor golf facility each afternoon, supplementing those sessions with trips to a driving range in Maumee. The sustaining fuel for the men throughout the winter has been their disappointing 12th place finish at the Renaissance Invitational to close out the fall season.

"I know I wasn't happy with the way we finished, and I don't think anyone else was either," coach Garry Winger said. "We know we are capable of doing much better, and every player knows deep down what they must do to improve their game."

Sophomore Drew Preston is focusing on a more balanced practice regimen compared to last year.

"I think last year I concentrated too much on my putting and not enough on my full swing," Preston said. "This year I have really been swinging the club a lot more. Coach and I noticed that I was cutting the ball way too much in the fall, so I have spent a lot of time trying to improve my tempo and my posture, which hopefully will allow me to draw the ball more when I need to this spring."

However, the team knows that all the offseason practice in the world cannot completely simulate how their games will translate to actual course conditions. With the Falcons scarcely more than a week away from the season-opener in Puerto

Rico, everyone on the team is anxious to finally tee it up for real again.

"I think everyone is really excited to get back out there again," senior John Powers said. "Late in the fall my driving started to fall apart. I've been able to get my swing mostly back into a routine in here, but it's tough to really get a total feel for where you are at when you swing inside. There really isn't a lot of feedback besides the impact of the ball and clubface."

And Winger is ready to start the season just like his players.

"I'm anxious to see what our team can accomplish this spring," Winger said. "There will certainly be teams we go against that are better than we are, but I think we are more than capable of going out there and competing with everyone on our schedule."

## Women rising early to gain advantage

By Christopher Rambo  
Reporter

For four days a week throughout winter, the BG women's golf team treks to the weight room at a time of day when the sun is merely a rumor—5 a.m. to be precise.

Following their lifting session, the team heads over to the golf training center for two hours of practice, during which they engage in various putting and swing drills that are designed to improve mechanics as well as simulate actual competitive situations. By 9 a.m. — with most of their peers still slumbering away — the team has already submitted a full morning of work, placing them one step closer to what coach Stephanie Young hopes will be a successful spring campaign.

"The theme that I picked out for this year was commitment," Young said. "And everyone on the team has shown that all winter. The overall attitude has been phenomenal."

In Young's opinion, the team's indoor practice facility, which is shared with the men's team, goes a long way toward ensuring her squad receives the maximum return on their offseason diligence.

"We have everything we could want in here to prepare for a season," Young said. "It's up to me to keep the practices fresh and stimulating, and it's up to the players to take full advantage of the available resources."

It does not take long to see the women of BG golf are doing

just that.

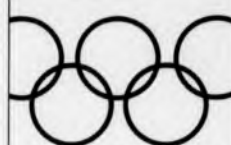
"For this spring, my goal is to hit more greens in regulation," senior Hannah Lambert said. "And it has really helped that I have been able to come in here all winter and consistently work on my full swing. Before this place opened [last winter] we would have to share time at the Field House, which doesn't compare to being able to come in and settle into a consistent routine."

While the players enjoy polishing up their ball-striking, what has most of them raving is the lightning-quick putting green.

"The green we practice on in here is definitely faster than the one we will be putting on in Arizona for our first tournament," junior captain Lauren Glew said. "Practicing on a green that is this quick and has this much slope will certainly help my confidence and feel when it comes time to play."

In addition to sharpening technique, Young is also hopeful these early morning practices will forge both unity and discipline on her team, both necessary ingredients to make it through any season.

"Coach Young definitely emphasizes the team aspect of golf, which I think is a great thing," Glew said. "Our camaraderie has really developed as a result of being in here together all winter. I know, for me, practicing with my teammates has really motivated me to get out of bed and come every morning."



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Compiled by Becky Tener  
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## GYM

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day, as she broke personal bests on the vault (9.825), beam (9.825) and floor (9.850). Since then, Wishart has remained solid and is rarely seen out of the top three in her events.

Marchand has also been a big support for the Falcons. Although she started out the season stronger, her performances are usually in the top five in scoring, giving BG a solid score at the end of the event. Statistically, Marchand has performed the best on the vault. Her season-high for the event is a 9.800, which she recorded

twice — in the Mid-American Conference home opener against Northern Illinois and at UIC.

Both of the young gymnasts have stood out and are among the Falcons' most talented.

"I think they're just learning that they have huge potential," Beach said. "They have a unique role as top performers, and I think

they're figuring out what they're doing. [That] is helping the whole team succeed, and they're really enjoying that experience."

While Wishart and Marchand are learning about teamwork and collective success, they have had a lot of individual success early in their careers at BG. There's no way to predict how high these

gymnasts will fly, but as of now it seems as if the sky is the limit.

"They're really great athletes," Beach said. "They love Bowling Green and the gymnastics program. Every time they go out they're putting their entire heart into their performance and it's just been amazing to watch them."

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## HOCKEY

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son has progressed, largely due to the leadership of the senior class.

"We gave them the responsibility, any team I've been on, the seniors, it's like their team, they're part of the coaching staff," interim coach Dennis Williams said. "We want to give them that rope, and as long as they don't take too much of it, you continue to give it to them."

While some athletes only focus on their performance on the ice, neglecting to take in the little things of college, that

has not been the case for the senior class.

"BG had done so much for me off the ice," Dee said. "It's provided me with a great education. I've met tons of people whom I'll have friendships with the rest of my life. It's helped me mature as a man and helped me to become a better person."

When asked what they will remember most about their time here, not as just athletes, but as students as well, Perkin, Page and Dee all gave the same answer.

"I'll remember the friendships. All of the people I've met and the great teammates I've had," Perkin said. "It's really

weird to think that it's our last couple of games here. It's been a fun four years here."

While the seniors never won a national title or broke any national records, they played the cards that they were dealt, and did a pretty good job considering the circumstances around the program.

They will leave BG with the hockey team on much more stable footing than it was at the start of their senior years, with renovations coming to the Ice Arena after the season, a good amount of young talent on the roster and a young, energetic coach whose team has shown steady improvement throughout the course of the season.

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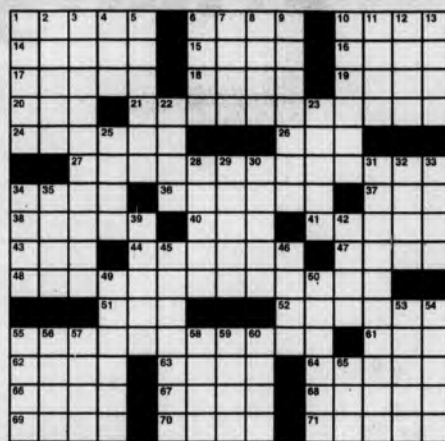
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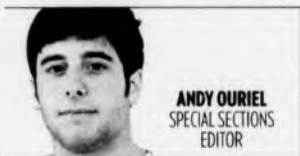


# BG NEWS Spring Break 2010





# Be safe during spring break



ANDY OURIEL  
SPECIAL SECTIONS  
EDITOR

Spring break is sort of like the beginning to the end.

As students we anticipate the week-long vacation, hoping it will be a restful or inspiring break.

But once we return, only seven short weeks stand in between you, me and the end of the semester. For about a quarter of us, including yours truly, graduation is on the other side of our final University destinations.

Spring break could also mean the last time friends are together. Either through volunteer work or just a relax-

ing retreat, students have one last opportunity to bond with friends.

Whether you travel across the globe or stay in Bowling Green, I hope everyone stays safe.

I would like to dedicate this issue to six former University students: Jacqueline Ahlers, Andrea Bakker, Ryan Leigh Foss, Jessica Hedlund, Sara J. McCarthy and Michelle Saunders.

On March 15, 2002, the friends were driving back from a spring break vacation spent in Panama City, Fla. While driving northbound on Interstate-71 through Kentucky, the girls' vehicle went across the median and struck a semi-truck.

The crash instantly killed the six girls.

Reports indicate the accident hap-



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**DEDICATION:** A plaque sits in front the north side of Founders Residence Hall, honoring the six friends who died over spring break in 2002.

pened as a result of poor weather. The group was driving back during a rainy and windy night.

The tragedy sent a shockwave

throughout campus.

University President Sidney Ribeau stated in a press release: "Our hearts go out with sympathy and solace to the families and friends of these young women whose lives have ended so tragically at such a promising and hope-filled time of their lives."

Students and friends were in mourning.

"A loss like this is one that will certainly be difficult to overcome, and we will always question why this happened to such a wonderful group of people," said then-junior Jay Atamanec in a BG News article dated March 26, 2002.

A plaque outside of Founders Residence Hall is dedicated to the six girls. It sits several feet east of the

patio furniture and volleyball court.

I don't want to depress anyone looking forward to a vacation, but reading about this tragedy puts school and life into perspective.

Spring break is meant to be fun, a time to enjoy time off with friends, family and loved ones, but it doesn't mean you should compromise safety.

The last article I, or any of my colleagues, want to write about is your death.

But that doesn't mean you shouldn't take chances or risks. You just have to be smart about every decision in your life.

Life is short, so enjoy spring break and remember that every day is not guaranteed. Have fun, but please be safe.

## Rest, relaxation the right remedy for break



BRYAN WARRICK  
COLUMNIST

Spring break is fast approaching and you most likely already know what you will be doing with your time off.

For many students, the week off means traveling as far away from the wind turbine known as Bowling Green as possible and head south for warmer pastures.

But for many other students, spring break simply means a week without school. A time to forget about homework, essays and exams.

So the biggest question facing the latter group is what to do with all that free time.

The first idea that comes to mind is also the easiest: use the free time to catch up on all the sleep you have missed during school. This is a great chance to get some rest and relaxation that can help a lot, especially if this semester is turning into a nightmare.

This vacation week also gives people with a lot of free time and a good chance to get back into those New Year's Resolutions.

At this point in the year, many people who decided to lose weight or simply get into better shape now have the time and opportunity.

Even if you didn't have a resolution, spring break is a good time to start working out and get into shape, especially with summer only a few months away.

But the best thing to do with the week off is to spend a lot of time with family and friends.

If you're headed home, there are countless activities you can plan with old friends or family — if you can stand being with them.

Even Bowling Green offers fun activities one may never have thought of before.

Taste something different at a new restaurant downtown. Sample drinks from a bar or club previously unexplored. Or just visit the theaters and see

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## Map a successful, stress-free vacation



MIKE HAYS  
GUEST COLUMNIST

Being proactive is the best way to have a trouble-free trip.

Whether you are traveling overseas for business, pleasure or study, the best way to ensure a carefree and relaxing trip is to prevent problems before they happen, according to the U.S. Department of State Web site.

Such advice goes without saying. For anyone planning on going overseas, or even flying domestically, planning ahead is important.

If you're going somewhere you've never been before, it's a good idea to study a map before you get there. Today, anyone can go online with a Web site like MapQuest and study satellite maps of almost any destination. Doing so can help you get an idea for directions when you get to your vacation spot.

A little over a year ago while I was traveling in Japan, it was easy to get turned around. The major cities such as Tokyo or Nagoya seemed endless.

## "Each carrier offers different deals and bonuses for passengers."

Every time I would go somewhere for the day, I would take the time to meticulously study a map of the area. Back at that time, I didn't have my trusty BlackBerry with GPS at my side in case I got lost.

Of course, in order to get lost, first you have to get there.

Since the failed underwear bomber's attempt in December of last year, airport security has tightened.

If you're going to be flying over spring break, there are a few things to consider before getting to the airport.

Choosing the right air carrier can often lead to what makes travel pleasant or unpleasant.

Each carrier offers different deals and bonuses for passengers. Some airlines charge extra for baggage, food and even for the use of a blanket.

It never hurts to do a little research. Kayak.com is a database of the various travel sites that can give the

best prices on everything from flights and hotels to cruises and car rentals. Travel sites such as this offer options for the best deals to customers.

After you book your flights, the next step is to get ready for your trip.

Customarily, I take one carry-on and check one larger bag.

I always plan to pack my carry-on with the intent that my checked luggage will get lost.

Packing an extra pair of clean underwear and socks in the carry-on is usually the first thing I do.

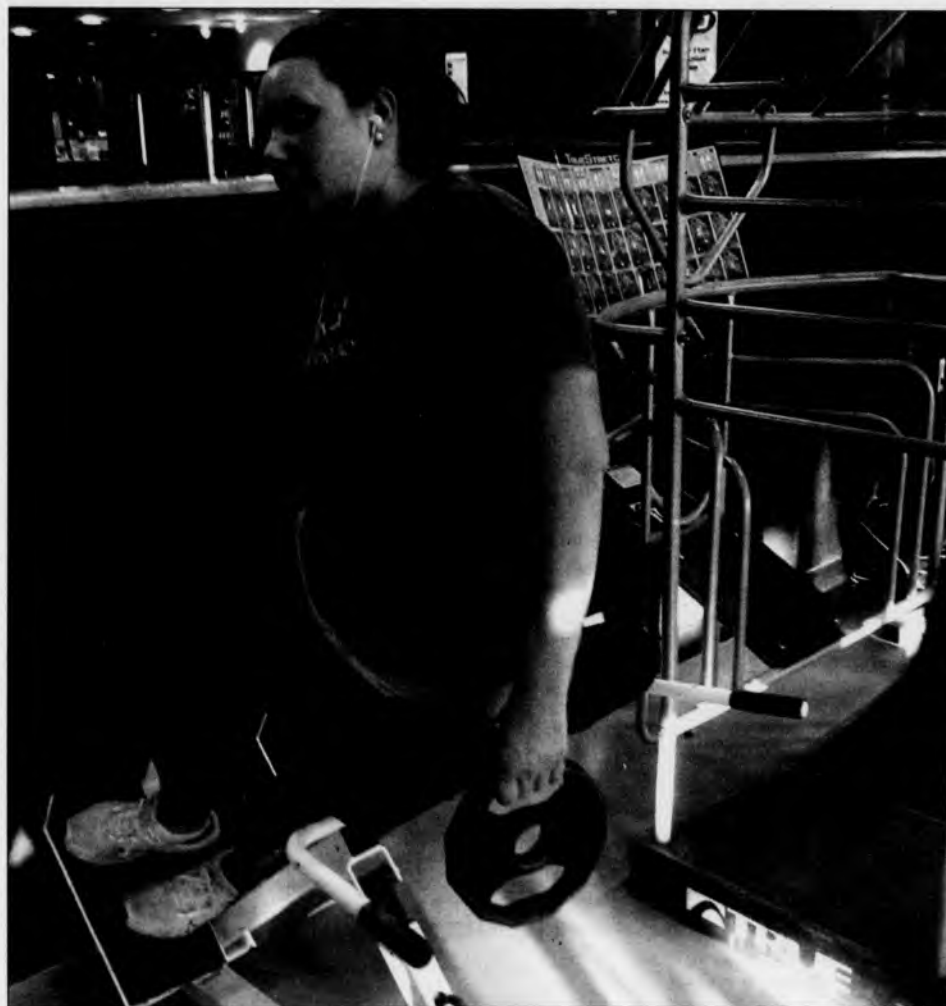
When packing your carry-on, it's always a good idea to check the Transportation Safety Administration Web site for a list of prohibited items. Following TSA guidelines will provide for a quicker check through security at the airport.

Aside from the restrictions TSA lists, there are a few other tactics to more easily make your way through security.

First of all, dress appropriately. Wear shoes that are easy to slip on and off. If you need to wear a belt with a metal buckle, take it off while you're waiting in line. Be sure to empty your

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**WORKING HARD:** Senior Emily Luther does some oblique crunches on a hyperextension machine last week at the Student Recreation Center. March is typically one of the busiest months for the Rec, as many students get a last-minute workout on to prepare for beach bodies.

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## Spring breakers sprint to Rec to sculpt last-minute beach bodies

By Ryan Bort  
Reporter

Students across campus are desperately trying to get their beach bodies ready.

Much like the January New Year's Resolution rush, the Student Recreation Center is getting quite a work out right before spring break.

The two weeks leading up to spring break is one of the busiest times of the school year for the Rec, said Dani Deuschle, manager, group exercise and personal trainer.

Students must ensure if they want

to lose weight, they need to exercise and eat healthy.

Freshmen and incoming students have a step up on their competition.

These students have one free personal training session at the Rec, Deuschle said. The session gives the students a simple overview of how different machines function and how they work a certain part of the body.

If time's a factor, Deuschle said students should run instead of lift weights.

"Cardio is the best way to burn fat and weight training tones muscles,"

she said. "Incorporating both is the best, but if you have to choose, I would say do cardio."

Deuschle offers advice on how to lose weight in a healthy manner.

### Do:

- Incorporate weight training and cardio workouts in weight-loss programs.

- Try to eat healthy.

- Run. This is the best way to burn

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## Better late than never: low-cost travel packages still being offered

By Alissa Widman  
Reporter

Students always seem to leave the most important tasks idle.

Whether it's writing an essay, studying for an exam or planning a spring break trip, procrastination seems to take over far too often.

But fear not. Students who haven't booked spring break vacations can still pass their travel tests if they do some cramming.

Although special deals are scarce now, the Internet makes last-minute travel planning a convenient possibility, said Janet McClary, travel consultant for Carlson Millstream Travel, located at 315 N. Main St.

McClary said the most affordable packages available are centered around days in the middle of the week, but price will vary depending on the location.

"I always tell someone try, and all you can do is look. And if you're calling in to look, have a general budget idea in mind," she said.

Junior Toby Lentz planned a trip to San Diego earlier this month, using "reliable" Web sites such as Expedia.com and Orbitz.com. While planning earlier has its benefits, Lentz said his group got a good deal.

"It's a matter of getting lucky and finding that good deal, but it's also a research thing and spending the time



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**DEALING:** Dick Bowers (right) gets some travel advice from Janet McClary. Bowers is looking at prices for trips in Alaska with wife Carolyn.

looking at all that stuff and making the decisions from there," he said.

Lentz, who will be traveling to San Diego for five days with three friends, didn't book his original travel choice. Nonetheless, he is happy about the deal he booked.

"We were first looking at anywhere down in Florida and all of the places look nice, but once we came across San Diego, it was so much cheaper, we [had to] go there," he said.

Having connections also helps if a traveler acts as a procrastinator.

Graduate student Jeff Koons said he will be taking a "traditional spring break" trip to Florida with friends.

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# Journalism students use break for education

Ambitious junior travels to Honduras to help those in need while satisfying her own personal desires



**BECKY TENER**  
CAMPUS EDITOR

My biggest fear in life is complacency. When I feel like I'm stuck in a rut or I'm not going anywhere, I start to get frustrated because I feel like I'm on my way to a complacent life.

I've spent the last two summers traveling the country working for a nonprofit organization that runs mission trips for teenagers. I love that lifestyle, moving from place to place, always meeting new people.

But in some ways those experiences in travel have ruined me. I find myself looking for outlets of travel. It's truly addictive.

I love the feeling of getting something accomplished or working toward a goal. So when the option to leave the country and go somewhere new for spring break arose from my church H2O, I had to go.

During spring break I'm going with a medical missions team from Cedar Creek Church in Perrysburg, to La Ceiba, Honduras.

I'll be spending the majority of my time helping at an after-school program. I get to live with a host family, eat new food, and help people in need. I can't think of a better way to spend my spring break.

As a public health minor, I'm always hearing about the health issues under-developed countries have and they break my heart. We are so blessed in this country and many of us don't even appreciate it.

Every infectious disease I learn about makes me passionate about doing something more to help people.

And with all the destruction and help needed in Haiti, I felt confined to the University with no real way to help. Aiding the people of Honduras gave me a place to focus my energy.

Up until January, Honduras was in political turmoil. Though they're under new leadership now, the country is still plagued with HIV/AIDS and malaria outbreaks.

I have no idea what to expect from my trip La Ceiba. But I think going in with no expectations is my best bet. I've found the more relaxed about new experiences I am, the more I enjoy it.

This spring break I'm still headed for the beach and 90-degree weather like many college students.

But I'm not looking to get a tan. I want to improve someone else's quality of life and put an end to my nagging need to try something new.

- La Ceiba is located on the north-central tip of Honduras. Honduras is one of seven countries located in Central America.
- About 174,000 people live in La Ceiba.
- La Ceiba is considered "The Capital of Ecotourism" with its unique and diverse landscape.
- The city's name was dedicated because a large ceiba tree, growing off the coast of the Caribbean Sea.

Sources: World Atlas, World Gazetteer.com,  
Laceiba.honduras.com

Group of students, faculty travel to Africa to gain perspective on environment, learn about desertification while having worthwhile experiences



**JESSICA HANNA**  
GUEST COLUMNIST

As a junior, I thought it was finally time for me to take a trip for spring break.

I was interested in the student-friendly destinations students were buzzing about around campus. I also consulted with friends about plans for possible sun spots of our own.

But when I received an e-mail about a grant-funded trip to Tunisia, Africa, for selected students and faculty interested in environmental journalism, the opportunity was too great to pass up. About 10 University students and professors will be going to Tunisia as part of a three-year grant program, bringing together staff and students from Algeria University and Tunisia's Manouba University.

I'm fine with passing on a carefree vision of spring break. Even though the vision of sipping frosty drinks on a warm, white beach disappeared, a

worthwhile experience arose.

The purpose of this trip is to learn about environmental journalism, with a focus on desertification. Desertification, the transformation of land to desert, is a major concern for many regions in Africa. It affects people's ability to live off the land because of deteriorating conditions.

The group will record and write stories during the 10-day stay.

This may not be the carefree spring break most students would wish for. It involves traveling long distances by plane and bus, listening to speakers and writing a lot.

But I see it as making use of free time to broaden my perspectives both environmentally and culturally. Like most journalism majors, I have written articles on various topics for audiences such as small communities and campus life.

Environmental journalism, however, focuses on issues that affect a global audience.

I don't mind writing articles on a smaller scale, but I will be motivated to write for a great cause during this trip.

Writing on issues I find so important makes writing a passion instead of tedious work. After taking classes in environmental science, I found a niche and it's one I cannot wait to explore.

The trip won't be all work and no play. Our group will have the chance to sightsee and shop in Tunis, the capital, and Tozeur, a city on the edge of the Sahara Desert. We will visit Orbata Natural Park in Gafsa, the salt lakes, the Tozeur oasis, and local efforts to reverse desertification. We get to do this all while mingling with the Tunisian and Algerian delegations.

It will be an adventure, and thus, the ideal spring break trip.

- Tunisia is the northernmost country located in Africa. It's situated between Algeria and Libya.
- More than 10.3 million people live in Tunisia.
- Tunisia was colonized by France until 1956.
- Agriculture is the main job sector and employer in Tunisia.

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**NEXT STOP:** With stops stretching from the east coast to the Midwest region, Megabus travels to 26 of the biggest cities in the United States. The closest stop to the University is in Toledo, with the bus traveling to either to Cleveland or Chicago.

# Megabus makes traveling easy for college students

By Angela Green  
Reporter

**"It's a good way for long-distance relationships to be a little bit more healthy."**

Ben Lohman | Senior

Megabus, a low-cost intercity bus service, sells tickets for as low as \$1 and may be one of the cheapest ways to travel.

Customer service employee Michael Hatfield said in order to ensure a \$1 ticket, the customer must just pick the right bus and the right day.

"Every single bus starts with tickets for \$1," he said. "The first person that books gets the cheapest ticket and as the bus fills up, the tickets get more expensive."

Hatfield said if Megabus didn't offer \$1 tickets, there would be many empty buses.

In the 10 times he's been on Megabus, senior Ben Lohman has never booked a \$1 ticket. During his freshman and sophomore years when he didn't have a car, Lohman would use Megabus to travel back and forth from the University to Chicago. He said the deal was unbeatable compared to other bus lines.

Even though ticket prices have increased about \$10 over the past couple of years, Lohman said this is a great deal for any college student looking to travel.

"Usually it's a straight shot so it's

really nice for college students, especially for people who don't have cars," he said. "It's been really convenient for me. With the prices of tolls and everything else when you drive, Megabus comes out a little better."

Traveling from 26 different cities, the majority of routes depart from two hubs stationed in Chicago and New York City, each driving to other cities in their respected regions.

The number of buses going back and forth between cities depends on the popularity of the route. For example, buses travel from New York City to Washington D.C., for 15 daily roundtrips.

Hatfield said Megabus sends up to four buses daily for its Midwest routes. The closest Megabus city to the University is the one in Toledo located on the 5000 block of Southwyck Boulevard, west of state Route 20.

Senior Chase Greenlee first heard about Megabus two years ago from

a friend who used it to travel back and forth to Chicago. Greenlee uses Megabus to travel to Cleveland and called the \$1 tickets elusive.

"I know it involves only their most popular places and you have to plan so many weeks in advance," he said.

Megabus is now using double-decker vehicles to better accommodate riders.

"There's definitely a novelty to riding on the double-decker buses," said Greenlee. "The bottom is more stable. They have tables where you can set up your laptop and use Wi-Fi."

Seats are on a first-come, first-serve basis. Travelers usually rush to get seats on the top level to see the sights better while people stay on the lower level for privacy.

Although Megabus tends to run late, Lohman said it's a great way to travel.

"It's a good way for long-distance relationships to be a little bit more healthy," he said.

Travelers can only book bus rides with Megabus online by going to megabus.com and in the Search & Buy box, select the number of passengers, the cities they want to go to and the dates traveling. There is also an area for a promotion code, which usually increases the chance for a \$1 ticket.

## Megabus easy on wallets, valuable for relationships



HEATHER LINDER  
PULSE EDITOR

*Editor's Note: Heather Linder wrote this column as she was riding back from Chicago Monday morning.*

I am currently sitting on a Megabus, using my coat as a blanket and lamenting my inability to connect to wireless Internet.

Being a traveler isn't always easy, especially when public transportation is involved. And Megabus has been both a friend and a foe to me. But without this love-hate relationship, I would be stranded.

My love affair with Megabus began last summer.

My boyfriend lives in Chicago which brings a myriad of difficulties to my love life. Driving to and from the city is expensive. On top of gas, there are numerous tolls and parking downtown is a nightmare.

The logistical difficulties of the distance could have kept our relationship from getting off the ground.

Then Megabus and its low-cost bus service came to the rescue.

From the Web site ([www.megabus.com](http://www.megabus.com)) to the side of the double-decker

busses, Megabus clearly boasts its \$1 tickets.

While difficult to snag, these tickets are not impossible.

The cheapest trip I've booked these past nine months was \$11.50 roundtrip. This included a \$10 ticket to Chicago, a \$1 ticket back to Toledo and a 50 cent booking fee. I set this trip up two months ahead of time in order to secure a low price.

As a seasoned buser, my best advice is to book any trips as far in advance as you possibly can.

On an occasion where I didn't purchase tickets until the last minute, I paid upward of \$60.

Watch the scrolling bar at the top of the company's Web site. Once in a while they have promotional codes you can plug in when searching for trips. These codes have gotten me both free and discounted travels.

The cost is affordable and the location is convenient. Toledo's stop is about 20 minutes from campus and Chicago's drop off is right outside Union Station.

But every relationship has its rough patches. Megabus and I are not an exception.

The first downside is living near

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# Staying sane with stress-free sandwiches



**TAYLOR RICHTER**  
DESIGN EDITOR

This year, I'm taking my spring break in the exotic wilderness of my dad's living room.

I'll be breaking out the SPF 50 to block burning rays from the continuous hours of Smurfs reruns, puking myself silly after shots of chocolate milk with my seven-year-old sister and causing general mayhem on the streets of Small Town, USA.

While most of you are probably taking the opportunity to get some real sun and "vaca" time, me and my wallet are keeping close to home.

Whether you are trekking out to a gorgeous mountain range for some late-season skiing or trying to crisp all your body parts equally on a

beach somewhere in the middle of Mexico (or couch-surfing at your dad's place like some people who will remain nameless), we cash-strapped college students can all find common ground this March. We're all going to be out of school and we're all going to need to eat on the go.

When the point of vacation is to do as little as possible, there is really only one solution to the pressing issue of how to eat while still feeling like you are getting time off: you've got to stay out of the kitchen and eat in a weird place that is not your counter.

You have to picnic.

## Stress-Free Vacation Chicken Salad Sandwiches

By definition, if you are eating out of a basket, you're having fun. At least that's what you've got to tell yourself.

Picnics are just the ticket when

**"When the point of vacation is to do as little as possible, there is really only one solution to the pressing issue of how to eat while still feeling like you are getting time off: You've got to stay out of the kitchen..."**

you're looking for the perfect culmination of easy, fun and freakishly delicious.

Start off with grilled chicken.

This stuff can be freshly made, left over, store bought, or stolen from an old woman off the street — Jerry Seinfeld style. Make sure the chicken is cool, if not cold, and tear it into shreds. It should end up looking like a bowl of meaty shredded cheese. Mix some mayonnaise into the shredded chicken, using just enough to moisten and bind all of the chicken. I hate eating chicken salad that is one part chicken and 12-parts mayonnaise. Just say no to excessive mayo.

From here, the possibilities are virtually endless.

I'm a fan of mixing in a bid of flavored vinegar if you've got it.

I also love the taste of fresh apple bits, although grapes work just as well, if that's your preference. My fiancé hates finding nuts in his food — in everything from cookies to crab cakes — so we normally skip the pecans in our household. But I think they're just fantastic, if you can avoid your naysaying loved ones.

Finish off with a healthy dose of salt and pepper.

Make sure to taste your work as

you go. There's nothing worse than finding out you were a little over zealous with the vinegar when it's way to late to fix it.

The real kicker of this dish is the bread you use as a canvas. Sure, plain old wheat will work great. But why eat off of a Matisse when you've got Renoir at your fingertips?

I suggest picking up the "manager's special" bread you can get for ridiculously low prices at any supermarket. I've found perfect complements to my sandwiches in this shady-seeming isle. But a bag of onion loaves for \$1.99 cannot be a bad thing. Get creative with flavors here. Sesame, onion, sweet breads and sour are all remarkable choices.

Not all of us can get out for spring break, but we all deserve a chance to give our taste buds a well-deserved reward.

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as many movies as possible.

No matter where you end up, there will be plenty of activities and events to attend.

There is no excuse to sit around being bored during spring break.

If you don't like my suggestions, there are countless alternative and innovative plans you can come up with to pass the time.

Just make sure you enjoy your time off before we head into the final stretch of school.

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## HAYS

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pockets, putting the contents into your carry-on, so when it's your turn to place your items on the conveyor belt, you won't have to fumble around with multiple bins.

Another important thing to remember is to keep your ID and boarding pass in hand before approaching the security area.

If you're not taking a direct flight, it can be important to note what airports you'll be flying into.

Not being in the habit of changing your watch for the time zone might result in a missed flight.

No matter where you are going, safety is always important.

The U.S. Department of State Web site offers information about various travel destinations and the risks involved for travelers.

If you're going to a foreign country, check with the Health Department to see if you should have any critical immunizations.

They will also provide you with a list a various diseases common to each country.

No matter where you travel for spring break or anytime in the future, taking a few steps to make your trip safer and easier can go a long way to making your trip an eligible vacation.

## PLANNING

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but with a twist.

"We're going farther south to Clearwater," Koons said. "We want to make it fun and as cheap as possible."

Koons said the four-person group is staying on the beach in an Econo Lodge fully equipped with a kitchenette. This will help save money as each party is responsible for cooking one night instead of eating out every meal. Driving, instead of flying, will also save money.

"Shop around. It all depends on what you're looking for," Koons said. "[Planning is] specific to the traveler, and pretty much just looking around, making sure you get the best deal and cut corners when you can."

Like Lentz and Koons, McClary recommends non-traditional vacations for students who are still deciding where to go. She said week-end-to-weekend scheduling is getting tight and more expensive.

"Look at your schedule and try to find something available and affordable," McClary said. "If you aren't planning on being gone a full week, you may find better prices."

Eight tips from the "Goddess of Travel," Carlson Millstream Travel consultant Janet McClary:

### Early seal gets the deal:

Although trips are still available, most spring break trips were booked last September to get the best price discounts, hotel reservations and preferred flight choices.

### Think outside the Panhandle:

Spring break doesn't have to be spent in Florida, and sometimes small weekday vacations to uncommon destinations can be the most affordable and rewarding.

### Visit Carlson Millstream Travel:

Travel agents are experienced "go to" people for upfront information, questions, feedback, complaints, and financial planning.

### Internet research:

Know what you're getting into ahead of time. Avoid unfortunate last-minute surprises when you reach your destination by checking your sources.

### A dollar a day:

Nobody wants to spend too much money. Travelers should make sure they have plenty of cash to spend at their destination. Credit cards aren't accepted everywhere.

### Be aware of "spring breaker" policies:

Many hotels have specific policies including age and credit card requirements to prevent rowdy "spring breakers." Make sure you know what you are getting into ahead of time to avoid unwanted fees.

### Passing in port:

All United States citizens must have a passport if they are leaving the country, including Canada and Mexico. Getting a passport can take up to three months, so plan accordingly.

### Safety in numbers:

Remember to stay safe and travel with a group of friends at night. It will make your vacation safer and more memorable.

## WORKOUT

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calories because it uses the whole body.

•Show up earlier in the day if you are embarrassed to work out in front of others. Morning is typically a less busy time.

A 'rep' from the Rec representative: "A lot [of] people think that

if they work out they can still eat what they want, but if you take in too many calories, it won't work," Deuschle said.

### Don't:

•Starve yourself.

•Take on exercises you aren't sure how to do. Jumping on a machine and just pushing weight may actually do more harm than good, Deuschle said.

•Forget to add resistance or an

incline when using stationary bikes and elliptical machines. Without resistance or inclines, these workouts won't burn as many calories.

A 'rep' from the Rec representative: "Sometimes people don't eat to lose weight but even if you're exercising and not eating you won't lose weight because the body goes into starvation mode," Deuschle said.

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# Overexposed: tanning beds, sun rays shine dangers down on tanners

By Hannah Nusser  
Reporter

Students heading blindly into tanning booths or the sunlight fail to open their eyes to statistics.

The International Agency for Research on Cancer concluded the risk of melanoma increases by 75 percent when individuals tan indoors before the age of 35, according to a 2006 case study.

Caitlin Spontelli, University Wellness Connection health educator, said melanoma is the worst type of skin cancer to get, and the recent statistics mean University students are at an even higher risk.

"That pretty much says it all right there and ... if you're tanning under the age of 30, which is most people on this campus right now, that increases your chance of getting a melanoma," she said.

Cancer isn't the only danger associated with ultraviolet exposure. Spontelli said not wearing the required goggles can result in irreversible harm to the eyes.

Tanners can also have allergic reactions to the UV rays in tanning beds, which can cause skin irrita-

tion, according to the Food and Drug Administration.

Health risks aside, indoor tanning can have unfavorable hygienic and cosmetic effects as well, Spontelli said.

"Some of the beds just aren't cleaned properly, so you can actually get different skin diseases that are passed from person to person," Spontelli said. "But even if everything is cleaned properly, the FDA has just come out and said the tanning beds are cancer-causing."

Indoor tanning can also cause premature aging of the skin, which can give a wrinkled, leathery look, she said.

"You're not going to see the damage to your skin until it's too late ... it's just like smoking or anything else ... you're already going to have seen these wrinkles or seen a mole that doesn't look right and you're going to wish you would've stopped," Spontelli said.

Sophomore Adam Milhouse said he tans regularly, but has been going more often to prepare for his spring break trip to Los Angeles.

He is not concerned of any consequences tanning offers.



**GLOWING PASSION:** Serenity Spa and Tanning co-owners Kasey (left) and Becky Falknor stand in front of a tanning bed. For \$30, Serenity offers 200 tanning minutes in a 20-minute tanning bed.

"[I'm] not one bit worried for [my] health ... it's not affecting me now, so I'm not going to worry about it," he said.

Milhouse said he's been tanning three to four times a week to build a base tan in preparation for the California heat.

"I didn't want to be like stuck inside with sun poisoning for two days if I haven't built my skin up to take the sun," Milhouse said.

Spontelli, 24, has had seven precancerous moles removed, but has

found a safer way to stay tan.

"I still love looking brown all year long, so I've gone to a sunless tan," she said. "Before you go on spring break, if you want to go down there [to the beach] looking brown, go the safe route and get a sunless tan right before you go."

For students heading to the beach this season, Spontelli said it is important to wear a wide-brimmed hat and a quality pair of sunglasses to block UV rays from the face and eyes.

Spontelli recommends applying

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Adam Milhouse | Sophomore

sunscreen with a minimum sun-protector factor of 15. Sunscreen should be applied 30 minutes before heading outside, after swimming and about every one to two hours in between.

The idea of 'building a base' tan to prepare skin for higher UV exposure received mixed opinions.

Becky Falknor, co-owner of Serenity Spa and Tanning located at 1616 E. Wooster St., said she's concerned for students' well-being during spring break. Since it's a popular time to tan, she suggests students get a base tan beforehand.

"The sunless tan of course is very safe. Ours is all natural," she said. "But even if the kids would just tan two times before they go on spring break ... I think that helps them from burning the first time that they're out all day long," Falknor said.

Rob Quinn, co-owner of Tan Pro Inc. at 1062 N. Main St., said despite the bad reputation tanning can carry, tanners continue to go because "this is the good stuff."

"I think it's a gross misconception that tanning is dangerous, I think even the most cautious opponents of tanning are questionable how they word [their claims]."

Quinn said a safe way of tanning is to be mindful of one's skin type level, and start tanning just a few minutes at a time to work up to the full time.

Still, Spontelli said getting a base tan before vacation poses a danger to young tanners.

"That's kind of a misnomer — I would say that you need to be taking sun precautions so you don't burn at all," Spontelli said.

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# OHIO VERSUS THE WORLD

Story by Andy Ouriel | Special Sections Editor

Ohio residents can travel the world in a day's drive.

Forget the hassle of airports or the complexity of bus and train schedules.

If students are stuck in Ohio for spring break, they can still embrace the "travel bug."

The Buckeye State is home to dozens of cities, villages and townships sharing the same name as more well-known cities.

Even though they might lack the size, resources and attractiveness compared to world cities, lesser-known Ohio locations can still be proud of their history.

After Ohio became the 17th state in 1803, many places took the name of their respected global counterparts.

Here is a list of 10 Ohio-world locations and how they stack up against each other.

	Estimated Population	Miles from Bowling Green, Ohio	Recognizable Feature	Interesting Fact
Athens, Greece	752,072	5303	The Erechtheum	Hosted inaugural modern Olympic Games in 1896.
Athens, Ohio	22,088	200	Ohio University	Many residents are considered locavores. Thousands of Athenians grow, produce and purchase locally produced fresh foods.
Baltimore, Maryland	632,410	397	Inner Harbor	Name derived from Ireland's Lord Baltimore, which translates to "Town of the Big House."
Baltimore, Ohio	2,905	151	Schaffner's Drive-in	Founded by Swiss settlers in 1825. The village's name originally was Basil, in honor of Basel, Switzerland.
Dublin, Ireland	1,069,861	3533	The Four Courts Building	Home to the Guinness Storehouse Brewery.
Dublin, Ohio	38,536	113	Jack Nicholas Mere Village Golf Course	More than 100 large concrete sculptures make up the artistic and culturally inspired Field of Corn.
Lima, Peru	6,321,173	3,721	Plaza de Armas	On average, the city receives .04 inches of rain per month.
Lima, Ohio (Allen County)	37,829	58	Kewpee Restaurant	The Lima Army Tank Plant manufactures M-1 Abrams tanks, the same vehicles operated by United States military in Afghanistan and Iraq.
London, England	7,744,942	3820	Big Ben	Built in 1863, London Underground is the first metro transit system in the world.
London, Ohio (Madison county)	9,587	133	Madison County Court House	The Farm Science Review, a trade/educational event for farmers, is one of the largest agricultural conventions in the world.
Moscow, Russia	8,769,000	4,901	Red Square	The 74 billionaires living in Moscow is more than any other city in the world.
Moscow, Ohio	244	209	Maple Creek Artisan Center	Underground Railroad transported slaves through this village.
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	1,445,993	454	Liberty Bell	Twelve of the 13 Colonies met during the First Continental Congress to discuss British rule and The American Revolution.
New Philadelphia, Ohio	17,319	166	New Philadelphia Post Office	Founder John Knisely designed the downtown area similar to the Pennsylvania counterpart in 1803.
Sydney, Australia	3,455,110	9,450	Sydney Opera House	Sydney residents are called Sydneysiders. Most speak English, Chinese or Arabic.
Sidney, Ohio	19,994	94	Thrift Building	All 14 city park and recreational facilities are located within one-half mile of residences.
Toledo, Spain	77,601	4,022	Bridge of Alcantara	Before Madrid, Toledo served as Spain's capital city until 1561.
Toledo, Ohio	293,201	24	The Toledo Zoo	Daily newspaper The Toledo Blade is the oldest continuously operating business in city. The Blade printed its first edition on Dec. 19, 1835.
Toronto, Ontario	5,052,522	266	CN Tower	City laws and regulations inspired by British Law and English Parliamentary Government.
Toronto, Ohio	10,242	231	Newburg's Landing Marina	First city to build a monument honoring American participation in World War I.

Source: World Gazetteer, 2010 U.S. Census Predictions, MapQuest, American Airlines, Global Security Org, Olympics.com, Ohio Department of Development, City of Dublin, Ohio, Lima/Allen County Convention and Visitors Bureau, Madison County-Chamber Commerce, Tuscarawas County Convention and Visitors Bureau, Destination Toledo Convention and Visitors Bureau, Toronto Ohio Chamber of Commerce, City-data.org, Suite101.com, National Geographic, Laymundo, U.S. History.org

## Indecisiveness sums up student responses on travel

ARE YOU TRAVELING ANYWHERE FOR SPRING BREAK, EXCLUDING YOUR HOME?



By Mia Feldmann  
Reporter

Just like choosing what class to take or where to eat, students are practically split on traveling for spring break.

According to a BG News survey conducted Feb. 18-21, 51 percent of respondents said they will not be traveling for spring break. Going back "home" does not count as traveling.

Junior Brittanie Prinz will be heading to Orlando, Fla. for spring break. Prinz is a college intern for Disney and will be spending her break visiting friends and going to the parks.

She heard about the Disney internship program and applied two years ago.

"Florida will be nice and relaxing, a great way to have fun and celebrate half the semester being over with," she said.

Junior CJ Morgan will be heading

home to Michigan for spring break.

In the past, Morgan traveled south to visit relatives and to participate soccer tournaments. This break, he's going home to spend time with his friends and family, and to save up for his trip senior year.

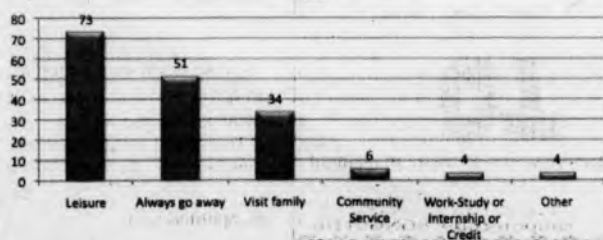
"I like spring break because it's the perfect time to recharge the batteries, and then when we get back to BG, I am ready for anything," he said.

Freshman Chelsie Weiler will be going to South Carolina with 15 friends for her spring break.

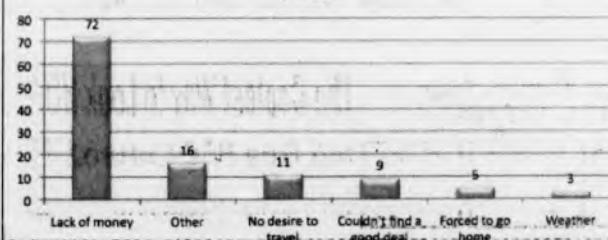
Her break will begin with a nine-hour drive on March 6.

"We are going to freshman Tyler Strom's house for the first part of the trip, then staying at a hotel in Myrtle for the rest of the trip. I am definitely looking forward to hanging out with some of the amazing friends that I made here in college and going some place new," she said.

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## LINDER

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Toledo. More specifically, Megabus from Toledo only takes riders to Cleveland or Chicago.

While this is great for my situation, if anyone is looking to take advantage of the vast destinations afforded by Megabus, it is necessary to get to Chicago first. Those lucky Windy City kids can get just about anywhere via Megabus. We Toledoans are limited.

The next downside is the luggage rule.

Each passenger is allowed to check one suitcase below the bus and keep one smaller bag in his or seat. When I visited the city for a week over Christmas break, packing became a challenge. Weekend visits are usually not a problem.

The next issue is legroom — and in some cases, breathing room. The space of one seat makes a sardine in a can look cozy.

For the first few trips I took this summer, I always had two seats to lounge comfortably in. But Megabus' optimum capacity is around 80 travelers.

When completely full, something that is not a rarity from my experience, you are forced to either stay still for four and a half hours or make good friends with your seat companion. I have done both.

The rest of the problems I've experienced with Megabus can be blamed on the age of the busses.

From my understanding, the busses used are ones that can no longer make coast-to-coast coach trips. Megabuses are refurbished, given a shorter route and sold for next to nothing. I've had broken heat in winter, dripping pipes from condensation in summer and all manners of annoyance from other passengers.

But all of these problems and quirks are easy to overlook when I focus on my purpose.

Megabus has been an enabler.

I get to see my boyfriend frequently with little hit to my wallet. I have also made a few good friends through those small seats and four-hour long conversations.

If you are expecting something fancy, I'd suggest a train or plane. Hardees is the only fast food stop for 274 miles, so you might want to pack a snack. But if you're up for roughing it a bit, Megabus is clean, efficient and cheap.

# STAYING ON THE RIGHT SIDE OF THE ROAD WHEN GOING ON BREAK

By Hannah Nusser  
Reporter

Students who are taking a road trip to their final destination have already done themselves a favor. Typically, driving is almost always cheaper than flying, and the threat of boredom on a road trip with your best friends will probably not be an issue. Stick with these tips to keep the complications to a minimum and make getting there just as memorable as the vacation itself.

**Start planning now:** Make a list of everything you need to do before spring break, including any car maintenance or cleaning, and get it done before midterms. Make a checklist so you don't forget important items when the time comes to load up and drive off.

**Good tunes, good times:** Tell friends to bring a few CDs. Random but well-thought-out mixes make for memorable car trips (cliché car songs like "Low Rider" and "Life is a Highway" make for some good singing) If you're an iPod person, plug your modern-day jukebox into the car speakers.

**Pack snacks:** Pack car-friendly foods to avoid spending all your spending money at fast food joints.

**Slow down, you'll get there:** Be mindful of changing speed limits as you cross state lines. Again, you want to spend your money on tacky souvenirs, not a speeding ticket from Georgia.

**Gas money:** Figure the total roundtrip cost of gas before you leave. Then divide it by how many passengers in each car and let them know in advance how much to expect to contribute for gas. Bring lots of small bills to easily split up expenses.

**Be safe, not sorry:** Take the newest, roomiest, most reliable and gas-efficient vehicle possible. If applicable, make sure AAA carriers have their cards with them in case of any breakdowns.

**Maintain your ride:** Have the oil changed and all fluid levels checked before you leave.

**Cleanliness:** Bring plastic grocery bags for garbage. This will save from making a mess of the car and from costly littering fines.

**Be organized:** If you're traveling without TomTom, print multiple routes off MapQuest and plan to take longer than the suggested time in getting there, what with bathroom breaks and gas station stops. Also try to arrange a driving schedule, and plan to stick to it — between a carload of people, no one should be stuck with all the responsibility.

**Essentials:** Have these items on hand in case of emergency or just to make life easier: tissues, hand wipes, bottled water, mini-first aid kit, road flares and a road map or atlas.



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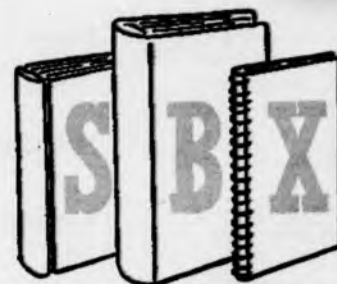
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